

Creating a Teacher Web Page

Ingredients to Make it Great!

What makes a web page that keeps students and parents coming back? Lots of information that is easy to navigate!

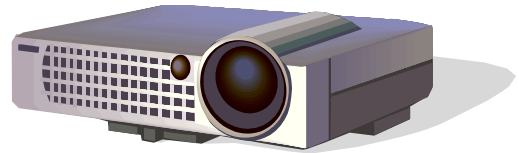
1. Home Page – When you first open the web page you should see the basic information about the class. Keep it simple!
 - Name
 - Course taught
 - Conference period
 - room number
 - work number
 - email
2. Information Page – This page should include information that does not change often.
 - Classroom rules
 - Supply lists
 - Tutoring schedule
 - Grading Policy
 - Course Overview
 - SIM Course Organizers and Unit Organizers
3. Assignment Page: Most important page of your website – requires commitment and needs to be updated frequently! Details, details, details. Suggest that you display this page every day as the kids enter the room.
 - Lesson Objectives
 - Website links for classroom activities and resources
 - Detailed explanations of instructions and navigation for various activities
 - Homework assignments and due dates
 - Project assignments and due dates
 - Substitute assignments and information
 - Handouts provided in class
 - Test review information
 - Test information
4. About Me Page: This is a way to add personality to your site. It could also be a way to hook students into coming to your site more often.
 - Travel Pictures
 - Educational Background
 - Hobby Information
 - Family Info
5. NewsFlash page – If your web page does not have a RSS – or a subscription service then you should have a newsflash page so you can send out important info to parents directly.
6. Resource Page:



- List the 10-15 resources at max that can help a student learn more about that concept or provide extra practice.
 - Instructional Videos to help reteach concepts - think webcam videos, teacher Tube embedded videos, etc.
7. Sharing Page:
- post student work including written work, scanned images, audio files, multimedia files, etc.
 - DO NOT post last names and grades
 - ALWAYS get permission first
8. Other Pages to Consider:
- Calendar page – consider one that is shared by your team with all major test dates and assignments on it.
 - Documents page with handouts
 - Blog pages for classroom discussion activities – blog around a book or a topic in class.
 - Tutorials page – Include handout or videos for students to review to re-teach concepts being covered in class.
 - Schedule page – lists your class schedule

How to promote your web page:

- Have the assignment page displayed as students come in each day.
- Include the address in your signature line in emails.
- Show website to visitors on Back to School Night and in parent conferences
- Show the webpage during class as often as possible
- Require students to go to the page to work on projects by providing links and information necessary for the project.



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